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Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

- 1. (Currently amended) A personal respiratory protection device that comprises:
- (a) a mask body that is adapted to fit at least over a person's nose and mouth;
- (b) at least one fluid communication component located in fluid communication with the mask body so that a non-contaminated source of oxygen can be supplied to a wearer of the personal respiratory protection device;
 - (c) at least one non-contaminated breathing gas supply source component; and
- (d) at least one bayonet attachment system that enables the breathing gas supply source component to be fluidically communicatively secured to the fluid communication component, the bayonet attachment system comprising a first portion and a second portion, wherein when the first portion is attached to the second portion with a connection is created that is incapable of being inadvertently separated.
- 2. (Original): The personal respiratory protection device of claim 1 being a respiratory mask that has at least one filter cartridge as the at least one non-contaminated breathing gas supply source component.
- 3. (Currently amended) The respiratory mask of claim 2, wherein the first portion of the bayonet attachment system comprises a <u>first</u> tab receptacle, a <u>first ramp portion</u>, and a <u>first</u> tab void area, and wherein the second portion comprises a <u>first</u> tab extending therefrom, the <u>first</u> tab having a size no greater than the <u>first</u> tab void area and no greater than the <u>first</u> tab receptacle, wherein when the first portion is attached to the second portion to cause the <u>first</u> tab to seat within the <u>first</u> tab receptacle, a connection is formed that is incapable of being inadvertently removed.
 - 4. (Original) The respiratory mask of claim 2, wherein the connection is permanent.

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5. (Original) The respiratory mask of claim 2, wherein the connection can only be unlocked with a key.

- 6. (Original) The personal respiratory protection device of claim 1, wherein the bayonet attachment system further comprises a third part, wherein disengagement of the first portion from the second portion requires breaking the first portion, the second portion, the third part, and any part or combination thereof.
- 7. (Original) The personal respiratory protection device of claim 1, wherein the bayonet attachment system comprises a locking device that is integral with the first portion, the second portion, or a combination thereof.
- 8. (Original) The personal respiratory protection device of claim 1, wherein the bayonet attachment system comprises a locking device that is integrated into the first portion, the second portion, or a combination thereof.
- 9. (Original) The personal respiratory protection device of claim 1, wherein the connection can be separated through use of a key.
- 10. (Original) The personal respiratory protection device of claim 1, being a powered air-purifying respirator.
- 11. (Original) The personal respiratory protection device of claim 1, being a self-contained breathing apparatus.
- 12. (Original) The personal respiratory protection device of claim 1, being a full-face respirator.
- 13. (Original) The personal respiratory protection device of claim 1, being a supplied air hood.

14. (Currently amended) The personal respiratory protection device of claim 1: wherein the first portion further comprises a ramp portion and a tab receptacle; and wherein the tab receptacle of the first portion is defined by a first wall and an opposite second wall, the first wall defined by the ramp portion.

- 15. (Currently amended) The personal respiratory protection <u>device</u> of claim <u>14</u> [[4]], wherein the ramp portion comprises a spring mechanism and a first end, the first end defining the first wall of the tab receptacle.
- 16. (Currently amended) The personal respiratory protection device of claim 15 [[5]], wherein the ramp portion further comprises a second end opposite the first end, and wherein the ramp portion is attached to an [[the]] inner surface at the second end.
 - 17. (Original) The personal respiratory protection device of claim 1, wherein:
 - (a) the first portion has an aperture therethrough, and
- (b) the second portion comprises a body having an aperture therethrough, the body configured for attachment to the first portion such that the first portion aperture aligns with the body aperture.
- 18. (Currently amended) The personal respiratory protection device of claim 3 [[1]], wherein:
- (a) the first portion further comprises a second tab receptacle, a second ramp portion, and a second tab void portion; and
- (b) the second portion further comprises a second tab extending from the body outer surface.
- 19. (Original) The personal respiratory protection device of claim 18, wherein the first portion further comprises a third tab receptacle, a third ramp portion, and a third tab void portion; and wherein the second portion further comprises a third tab extending from the body outer surface.

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20. (Original) A personal respiratory protection device that has a bayonet attachment system, the bayonet attachment system comprising a first portion and a second portion, wherein:

- (a) the first portion comprises a tab receptacle and a tab void area; and
- (b) the second portion comprises a tab extending therefrom, the tab having a size no greater than the tab void area and no greater than the tab receptacle;

wherein when the first portion is attached to the second portion to cause the tab to seat within the tab receptacle, a connection is formed that is incapable of being inadvertently removed.

- 21. (Original) The personal respiratory protection device of claim 1, wherein the connection can only be unlocked with a key.
- 22. (Original) The personal respiratory protection device of claim 1, wherein the connection is permanent.
- 23. (Original) A method of making a personal respiratory protection device, which method comprises:
 - (a) providing at least one fluid communication component;
 - (b) providing at least one non-contaminated breathing gas supply source component;
- (c) providing at least one bayonet attachment system that comprises a first portion and a second portion; and
- (d) joining the first portion to the second portion to form a connection that is incapable of being inadvertently removed.
- 24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the at least one fluid communication component comprises at least one fitting disposed on a mask body, and the at least one breathing gas supply source component comprises at least one filter cartridge.

25. (Original) A method of making a personal respiratory protection device, comprising:

- (a) providing a first portion of a bayonet attachment system comprising a tab receptacle and a tab void area;
- (b) providing a second portion of a bayonet attachment system comprising a tab extending therefrom, the tab having a size no greater than the tab void area and no greater than the tab receptacle; wherein when the first portion is attached to the second portion to cause the tab to seat within the tab receptacle, a permanent connection is formed,
- (c) locking the first portion of the bayonet system with the second portion of the bayonet system by:
 - (i) passing the tab through the tab void area;
 - (ii) rotating the first portion in relation to the second portion; and
 - (iii) seating the tab within the tab receptacle.
- 26. (Original) A method of un-making a personal respiratory protection device, comprising the steps of claims 25 and further comprising:
- (d) unlocking the first portion of the bayonet system from the second portion by using a key.
- 27. (Original) A method of un-making a personal respiratory protection device, comprising the steps of claims 25 and further comprising:
- (d) removing the first portion of the bayonet system from the second portion by destroying at least one of the first portion and the second portion.